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SUBJ: PRESS REACTS STRONGLY TO CAMPORA HANDLING OF INAUGURAL
INVITATIONS

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. 1. IN MAY 22 EDITORIALS BOLIVIA'S TWO
MOST PRESTIGIOUS NEWSPAPERS EXPRESSED THEIR STRONG INDIGNATION
OVER ARGENTINE PRESIDENT- ELECT CAMPORA'S HANDLING OF
INVITATIONS TO INAUGURATION, AND OPINED THAT FUTURE GOB/ GOA
RELATIONS WILL BE LESS CONSTRUCTIVE THAN IN THE PAST.
PRESENCIA EDITORIALIZED THAT WHILE AT FIRST IT WAS IN FAVOR
OF PRESIDENT BANZER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE INAUGURATION, THE
SITUATION CHANGED COMPLETELY WITH THE CAMPORA INVITATION
TO EX- PRESIDENT TORRES. THAT INVITATION, IT SUGGESTED,
" WAS PROVOCATIVE, SHOWED A LACK OF JUDGMENT, AND A COMPLETE
DISREGARD FOR ELEMENTARY DIPLOMATIC NORMS". THE EDITORIAL
CONTINUED THAT " IF OUR SUPPOSITIONS ARE CORRECT, THEY INDICATE
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THAT THAT FOOLISH BLUNDER WILL CREATE A SITUATION NOT CONDUCTIVE TO CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS" AND THAT THE CAMPORA GOVERNMENT WILL TRY TO CARRY OUT WITH BOLIVIA " A ROLE SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH THE ARGENTINE PRESS, IN A CONDEMNATORY MANNER, HAS ATTRIBUTED TO BRAZIL".

2. EL DIARIO STATED THAT ATTENDANCE AT THE INAUGURATION WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR EITHER BANZER OR ANY HIGH LEVEL COMMITTED BECAUSE THE " IDEOLOGY OF THE GOB IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THAT OF CAMPORA". THE EDITORIAL CONTINUED THAT AS PROOF OF CAMPORA' S " INDIFFERENCE" TOWARDS BOLIVIA, CAMPORA' S SON DID NOT INCLUDE BOLIVIA IN HIS VISITS TO PERSONALLY INVITE " SPECIAL FRIENDS" TO THE INAUGURATION. EL DIARIO RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR IN BUENOS AIRES BE DESIGNATED AS THE SOLE GOB REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INAUGURATION.
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3. COMMENT: BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
WHILE LOCAL EVENTS ALONE MAY HAVE SERVED AS SUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR BANZER' S DECISION TO NOT ATTEND THE INAUGURAL, THE CAMPORA INVITATION TO EX- PRESIDENT TORRES ASSURED THAT BANZER WOULD NOT ATTEND. THE GOB HAS BEEN SILENT ON THE MATTER EXCEPT TO ANNOUNCE, WITHOUT SUBSTANTIVE EXPLANATION, THAT BANZER WOULD NOT ATTEND. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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